

Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—36) **Pages S2336–37, S2346–48, S2357, S2379**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:26 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, March 19, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2416.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DC CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AGENCY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on District of Columbia held oversight hearings on the termination of the District of Columbia's Child and Family Services Agency receivership and the return of Agency control to the District government, receiving testimony from Representative DeLay; Carolyn N. Graham, Deputy Mayor for Children, Youth and Families, Sondra Jackson, District of Columbia Child and Family Services Agency, and Judith Meltzer, Center for the Study of Social Policy, all of Washington, D.C.; and Eric Thompson, Children's Rights, Inc., New York, New York.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

FREIGHT RAIL INDUSTRY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation concluded oversight hearings on competition and mobility issues in the freight rail industry, including re-regulation, differential pricing, relationships with ports and maritime shipping industry, infrastructure investment, and rail access, after receiving testimony from Perry L. Dozier, Waitsburg, Washington, on behalf of the Washington Association of Wheat Growers; Lamar Self, Mississippi Chemical Corporation, Yazoo City; Michael W. Snovitch, Pennsylvania Power and Light, Allentown; Robert E. Martinez, Norfolk Southern Corporation, Norfolk, Virginia, former Association Deputy Secretary of Transportation; Richard K. Davidson, Union Pacific Corporation, Omaha, Nebraska; Peter J. Rickershauser, Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, Fort Worth, Texas; Mic Dinsmore, Port of Seattle, Seattle, Washington; and Karen Schmidt, Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board, Olympia, Washington.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 319, to amend title 49, United States Code, to ensure that air carriers meet their obligations under the Airline Customer Service Agreement, and provide improved passenger service in order to meet public convenience and necessity, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 361, to establish age limitations for airmen, with an amendment;

S. 415, to amend title 49, United States Code, to require that air carriers meet public convenience and necessity requirements by ensuring competitive access by commercial air carriers to major cities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nomination of Rear Adm. Thad W. Allen, United States Coast Guard, to be Commander, Atlantic Area, U.S. Coast Guard, with the grade of Vice Admiral, and other nominations for promotion in the United States Coast Guard.

Also, committee approved the designation of Senator Allen to serve as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space.

ELECTRIC ENERGY COSTS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on S. 26, to amend the Department of Energy Authorization Act to authorize the Secretary of Energy to impose interim limitations on the cost of electric energy to protect consumers from unjust and unreasonable prices in the electric energy market, S. 80, to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to order refunds of unjust, unreasonable, unduly discriminatory or preferential rates or charges for electricity, to establish cost-based rates for electricity sold at wholesale in the Western Systems Coordinating Council, S. 287, to direct the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to impose cost-of-service based rates on sales by public utilities of electric energy at wholesale in the western energy market, and a proposed committee amendment to S. 287, to clarify the circumstances under which the Commission may impose interim limitations on the cost of electric energy, and to provide a sunset provision, after receiving testimony from Spencer Abraham, Secretary, and Curt L. Hebert, Jr., Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, both of the Department of Energy; Washington Governor Gary Locke, Olympia; Montana Governor Judy Martz, Helena; Bruce Worthington, Pacific Gas and Electric

Corporation, San Francisco, California; John E. Bryson, Edison International, Rosemead, California; Stephen L. Baum, Semptra Energy, San Diego, California; William F. Hecht, Pennsylvania Power and Light, Allentown; and Steven M. Fetter, Fitch, Inc., New York, New York.

ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS FEASIBILITY STUDIES REFORM

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure concluded hearings to examine reforms made to address concerns with how the Army Corps of Engineers conducts feasibility studies, after receiving testimony from Lt. Gen. Robert B. Flowers, Chief of Engineers, United States Army Corps of Engineers.

FAMILY BUSINESS LEGACIES PROTECTION

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight held hearings to examine proposed legislation related to the impact of the federal estate tax on the preservation and protection of family business legacies, including S. 9, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief, S. 31, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to phase out the estate and gift taxes over a 10-year period, S. 35, to provide relief to America's working families and to promote continued economic growth by returning a portion of the tax surplus to those who created it, S. 82, to repeal the Federal estate and gift taxes and the tax on generation-skipping transfers, S. 83, to phase-out and repeal the Federal estate and gift taxes and the tax on generation-skipping transfers, S. 84, to increase the unified estate and gift taxes and the tax credit to exempt small businesses and farmers from estate taxes, S. 100, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the estate and gift taxes, S. 179, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to phase in a full estate tax deduction for family-owned business interests and to increase the unified credit exemption, and S. 275, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the Federal estate and gift taxes and the tax on generation-skipping transfers, to preserve a step up in basis of certain property acquired from a decedent, receiving testimony from Thomas A. Lovell and Jane Lovell, both of Clear Lake Independent Telephone Company, Clear Lake, Iowa; K.L. Bliss, Sand Springs, Montana, on behalf of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association; Thomas D. Goodner, Goodner's Supermarkets, Duncan, Oklahoma; John R. Sumption, Sumption Farms Partnership, Fred-

erick, South Dakota, on behalf of the National Farmers Union; William H. Gates, Sr., Seattle, Washington, on behalf of Responsible Wealth; Gary Robbins, Fiscal Associates, Arlington, Virginia, on behalf of the Institute for Policy Innovation; Wilbur A. Steger, Carnegie Mellon University Heinz School, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the CONSAD Research Corporation; Howard E. Abrams, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia; and Stefan F. Tucker, Venable, Baetjer, Howard and Civiletti, Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings on issues relative to living without health insurance, focusing on solutions including individual tax credits, employer tax credits, increased flexibility in Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program, program expansions, and ways to improve outreach, receiving testimony from William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Care Issues, General Accounting Office; Christine C. Ferguson, Rhode Island Department of Human Services, Cranston; Janet Stokes Trautwein, National Association of Health Underwriters, Arlington, Virginia; Jack A. Meyer, Economic and Social Research Institute, and Donna Cohen Ross, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, both of Washington, D.C.; and Karen Davis, Commonwealth Fund, New York, New York.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Richard Lee Armitage, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of State, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Warner and McCain, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

U.S./SERBIA ASSISTANCE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs held hearings to examine whether the government of President Kostunica in Belgrade has met the standards of certification for United States assistance to Serbia, receiving testimony from Morton I. Abramowitz, Century Foundation, on behalf of the International Crisis Group, Nina Bang-Jensen, Coalition for International Justice, and Janusz Bugajski, Center for Strategic and International Studies, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTER EXPORT CONTROLS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine certain related General Accounting Office studies regarding high performance computer export control issues, after receiving testimony from Susan S. Westin, Managing Director, Stephen M. Lord, Assistant Director, and Jeffrey D. Phillips, International Security Analyst, all of the International Affairs and Trade Division, General Accounting Office.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported S. Res. 20, designating March 25, 2001, as "Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy".

Also, committee announced the following subcommittee assignments:

Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts: Senators Sessions (Chairman), Grassley, Thur-

mond, Specter, Schumer (Ranking Member), Kennedy, Feingold, and Durbin.

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition: Senators DeWine (Chairman), Hatch, Specter, Thurmond, Brownback, Kohl (Ranking Member), Leahy, Feingold, Schumer, and Cantwell.

Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights: Senators Thurmond (Chairman), Hatch, Kyl, McConnell, Feingold (Ranking Member), Leahy, Kennedy, and Durbin.

Subcommittee on Immigration: Senators Brownback (Chairman), Specter, Grassley, Kyl, DeWine, Kennedy (Ranking Member), Feinstein, Schumer, Durbin, and Cantwell.

Subcommittee on Technology, Terrorism, and Government Information: Senators Kyl (Chairman), DeWine, Sessions, McConnell, Feinstein (Ranking Member), Biden, Kohl, and Cantwell.

Subcommittee on Youth Violence: Senators Grassley (Chairman), Hatch, Sessions, Brownback, McConnell, Biden (Ranking Member), Kohl, Feinstein, Durbin, and Cantwell.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 52 public bills, H.R. 6, 1037–1087; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 38 and H. Con. Res. 64–66, were introduced. **Page H952–55**

Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Richard P. Camp, Jr., Executive Director of A Christian Ministry in the National Parks and formerly, Chaplain, U.S. Military Academy, West Point. **Page H931**

Small Business Paperwork Relief Act: The House passed H.R. 327, to amend chapter 35 of title 44, United States Code, for the purpose of facilitating compliance by small businesses with certain Federal paperwork requirements and to establish a task force to examine the feasibility of streamlining paperwork requirements applicable to small businesses by a yeas and nays vote of 418 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 50. **Pages H932–42**

Agreed to the amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule. **Page H942**

H. Res. 89, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote. Pursuant to the rule, the Ose amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record of March 13 and numbered 1, was considered as an original bill. **Pages H931–32**

Legislative Program: Majority Leader Armey discussed the legislative program for the week of March 19. **Pages H942–43**

Meeting Hour—Monday, March 19: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meeting on Monday, March 19 at 2 p.m. in pro forma session. **Page H943**

Meeting Hour—Tuesday, March 20: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, March 19, it adjourn to meeting on Tuesday, March 20 at 12:30 p.m. for morning-hour debate. **Page H943**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, March 21. **Page H943**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yeas and nays vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on page H942. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL FARM COMMODITY PROGRAMS; BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Agriculture: Continued hearings on federal farm commodity programs, with the Wheat industry. Testimony was heard from Dusty Tallman, President, National Association of Wheat Growers.

Hearings continue March 21.

The Committee approved Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2002 for submission to the Committee on the Budget and also considered other pending Committee business.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on Worldwide Threat. Testimony was heard from George Tenet, Director, CIA and Vice Adm. Thomas Wilson, USN, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense.

The Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on U.S. Southern Command. Testimony was heard from Gen. Peter Pace, USA, Commander in Chief, Southern Command, Department of Defense.

LABOR, HHS, AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Hearings continue March 20.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Military Construction: Subcommittee on Military Construction held a hearing on Historic Properties. Testimony was heard from Henry L. Hinton, Assistant Comptroller, Office of Information Management and Communications, GAO, and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Major Gen. R.L. Van Antwerp, USA, Assistant Chief of Staff, Installation Management; Rear Adm. Michael R. Johnson, CEC, USN, Commander, Naval